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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2006, the term for response to which expires on July 18, 2006.

Amendments to the Specification are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claim 1 is amended; claims 2-20 are canceled; and claims 21-28 are added.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.